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Dear Employer,

Deferment of RRT Exemption for Fully Vaccinated COVID-19 Recovered Workers

Please note that fully vaccinated COVID-19 recovered workers, who are beyond 270 days of their date of their infection, will continue to be on mandatory Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) regime.

- 2. This is a revision from what the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) had announced on 24 November 2021, regarding the RRT exemption of fully vaccinated COVID-19 recovered workers who are beyond 270 days from their date of infection, that was originally due to take effect from 1 December 2021.
- 3. With the recent detection of the new coronavirus strain, the Omicron COVID-19 variant, we have decided to defer the RRT exemption for this particular group of workers **till further notice**.
- 4. <u>Table 1</u> below summarises the latest RRT regime for workers.

Table 1: Updated Testing Regime for Workers

Worker groups	No of days from date of infection	Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) Requirement
Fully vaccinated recovered workers	Within 270 days	Exempted from RRT
	More than 270 days	No Exemption: Need to undergo RRT with employer-supervised ART every 7 days Except for border-facing workers. They will need to take an employer-supervised ART every 3 days (i.e. twice a week)
Unvaccinated recovered workers	Within 270 days	Exempted from RRT up till 270 days from date of infection
	More than 270 days	 No Exemption: Need to undergo RRT with employer-supervised ART every 3 days (i.e. twice a week)
Fully vaccinated workers with no prior COVID-19 infection	Not applicable (N.A.)	No Exemption: Need to undergo RRT with employer-supervised ART every 7 days Except for border-facing workers. They will need to take an employer-supervised ART every 3 days (i.e. twice a week)
Unvaccinated workers with no	N.A.	No Exemption: Need to undergo RRT with employer-supervised ART every 3 days (i.e. twice a week)

prior COVID-19	
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Reminder: Changes to expect for AccessCode

- 5. **From 15 December 2021,** your workers' AccessCode status will be updated to include the following scenarios:
 - a. AccessCode status will be "red", if your workers who are required to undergo RRT and did not attend or do the supervised self-swabs according to their RRT schedule. Your workers will not be allowed to go to work, until they perform and upload the results of the required Antigen Rapid Test (ART) and have their AccessCode status turn "green". Prior to 15 December 2021, we may also conduct audit checks on workers who have not been complying with their RRT schedule.
 - b. <u>AccessCode status will be "red"</u>, if your workers test positive using the ART. Your workers will not be allowed to go to work, until their AccessCode status is "green" after completing the ART positive recovery protocol. This will apply to all migrant workers, except those who are recovered workers within 270 days of their date of COVID-19 infection and are asymptomatic.
- 6. As an employer, you should ensure that your workers do their RRT on time and complete their full vaccination regime as soon as possible.
- 7. For further queries, please contact us at www.mom.gov.sg/efeedback.
- 8. We seek your understanding for the revision to the RRT regime due to the evolving COVID-19 situation. We will keep you informed if there are further changes.
- 9. Thank you for your support and working with us in protecting the health of your workers and the community.

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